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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: SEVENTH MEETING OF JOINT  
WORKING GROUP ON POLLUTION FROM SHIPPING (02.06-11)

REF: TOKYO 8391

1. SUBJECT WORKING GROUP VISITED EMBASSY RECENTLY TO REPORT ON  
GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL 15 DAY VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. SEVEN  
MEMBER US DELEGATION, LED BY WGCHAIRMAN, USCG COMMANDER SIPES,  
VISITED ULYANOVSK, SOCHI, AND ODESSA. IN ULYANOVSK THE GROUP  
DISCUSSED TECHNIQUES FOR CLEANING RIVER POLLUTION WITH MINISTRY  
OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT OFFICIALS. MEMBERS HEARD PRESENTATION  
ABOUT SOVIET SHIPPING ACTIVITIES ON AZOV AND BLACK SEAS IN SOCHI,  
WHERE VISIT HAD HEAVY TOURIST CONTENT. DELEGATION CONSIDERED  
MOST USEFUL PART OF VISIT TO BE ODESSA, WHERE DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED  
ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION. GROUP OBSERVED DEMONSTRATIONS OF SOVIET  
OIL SPILL CLEAN-UP TECHNIQUES IN ODESSA HARBOR. COMMANDER SIPES  
AND HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, NUNUPAROV, SIGNED MINUTES OF  
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AGREEMENT. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PERSONNEL  
TRAINING WAS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE AREA FOR FURTHER JOINT WORK.

2. SIPES TOLD SCIOFF THAT WG COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND  
NUNUPAROV WERE OFTEN DELAYED IN TRANSIT. SCIOFF ADVISED SIPES  
TO MAKE GREATER USE OF DEPT TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES ON IMPORTANT  
MATTERS.

3. SIPES NOTED THAT GROUP SAW LITTLE THAT WAS NEW DURING THE VISIT. HE COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE CHIEF BENEFITS OF COOPERATION UNDER THIS WG HAS BEEN OPPORTUNITY FOR US AND SOVIET SIDES TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS IN IMCO. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND SOVIET OFFICIALS IN THE FIELD OF MARINE POLLUTION, WHICH THE WG HAS HELPED FOSTER, PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF RECENT MOSCOW VISIT OF SPECIAL MARINE OIL POLLUTION DELEGATION, HEADED BY REAR ADMIRAL WALLACE (REFTEL).

4. EMBASSY POUCHING TO EUR/SOV INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF "VODNIY TRANSPORT" ARTICLE ABOUT VISIT OF THE DELEGATION.  
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